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METHODS FOR PROTECTING

SILICA-CONTAINING

ARTICLE AND INHIBITING **BREAKS DURING DRAWING** OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE PROTECTED

AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING

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